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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write today to propose that you take a bold new American initiative to ease the plight of refugees from Indochina.

As chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee charged with overseeing United States immigration and refugee policy, I have monitored closely the U.S. response to the rapidly worsening problems confronting these refugees.

Already the United States has permanently resettled nearly 150,000 of these persons. We continue to accept several hundred so-called "boat cases" per month.

Now, with the alarming reports of increasing numbers of these "boat cases"--refugees literally floating from one unwelcoming port to another--I believe it is imperative to end the haphazard, piece-meal approach which the U.S. has taken toward these refugees.

I propose, therefor, that you take the lead in convening the nations of the world for an International Conference on Indochinese Refugees.

Such a conference is necessary, I believe, because of the failure of the international community to respond adequately to the needs of the Indochinese refugees.

In particular, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has had little success in meeting this problem--as evidenced by the small percentage of Indochinese refugees who have been resettled in countries other than the United States.

Recognizing the inadequacy of the U.N. Commissioner's efforts, I believe that additional special steps must be taken. This need becomes even more apparent as we learn that several countries have refused to grant permanent asylum to the "boat cases"--which apparently are increasing at an alarming rate.

At the same time, vessels have refused to offer help to these boatloads of refugees in distress on the high seas.

The plight of these refugees, I suggest, is an international problem, and should be solved on the international level to the extent possible.

The conference I propose could develop a prompt, effective response to this problem. It could promote a greater international cooperation in responding to the humanitarian needs of the Indochinese refugees, and could result in additional resettlement opportunities and increased governmental contributions for their care in Thailand and other third countries.

There is ample precedent for such a conference. In 1938, President Roosevelt convened the nations of the world for a conference in Evian-les-Bains, France, to deal with the more than 400,000 displaced persons from Nazi Germany and Austria.

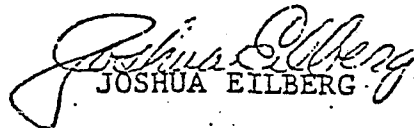
Although the efforts of this conference were interrupted by World War II, it served as the model for the International Refugee Organization--a concept first advanced by President Truman--which performed in outstanding fashion to meet the massive refugee problems of the post World War II era.

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As you move to implement any such international effort on behalf of the Indochinese refugees, Mr. President, you have my pledge of unstinting support.

Respectfully,


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STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE JOSHUA EILBERG (D.-Pa.)

I am increasingly concerned that the international community has failed to respond properly to the Indochina refugee problem, particularly with regard to the so-called "boat cases".

It is very distressing to hear that various countries in Southeast Asia have refused to grant either temporary or permanent asylum to these "boat" refugees and in many cases they have been turned back to sea. In addition, we have heard that many vessels on the high seas have ignored the plight of these refugees in violation of their international responsibilities to render assistance to ships in distress.

It is indeed regrettable that the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has been unsuccessful in his attempts to enlist the assistance of the international community in responding to this critical problem which is truly a problem that is international in scope.

For this reason and in view of the urgency of the situation I have today called upon President Carter to make arrangements for the convening of an International Conference to explore this matter.

Such a Conference composed of parliamentarians, executive officials from the various countries, and refugee experts, would serve to focus worldwide attention on this difficult problem. More particularly the Conference would consider the need to:

1. increase the amount of funds provided by the international community for the care and maintenance of these refugees in Thailand and other countries;
2. adhere to one's international responsibilities for assisting ships and persons in danger of being lost at sea;
3. establish more liberal asylum policies on the part of the countries in Southeast Asia; and
4. increase permanent resettlement opportunities for Indochina in all countries.

I firmly believe that this serious situation requires careful and extensive consideration by all countries for the purpose of developing comprehensive plans for meeting the immediate, humanitarian needs of these refugees.